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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK ÖFFICE

In Re the Application of:

KIEFER et al.

Serial No.: 08/320,157

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"NOVEL APOPTOSIS-MODULATING For:

PROTEINS, DNA ENCODING THE

PROTEINS AND METHODS OF USE

THEREOF"

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Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION **OF TIME**

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Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on February 7, 2000, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from May 7, 2000 to August 7, 2000.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$435.00 as payment of the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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